

STRATMOOR NEWS

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AUTOPAY Gains Popularity



Along with our other payment features, our customers have the option to auto-pay their water/sewer bills.

Your registered account with Stratmoor Hills Water & Sanitation can be used to view your statements, usage history and/or update contact information.

When registering your account at our payment center you will have the option to save payment information, pay your bill, view payment and billing history and/or set up your account for auto-pay.

**If you set up your account to auto-pay it will pull your full account balance on due date each month. If you need assistance registering please call the office at 719-576-0311.



See us on the website at: stratmoorhillswater.org

On-Line Bill Pay Program Update

In September 2016 Stratmoor Hills Water and Sanitation Districts made Online Bill Pay, e-Billing and AutoPay available to our customers. The following table shows the results since 2016.

	Jan 2017	Jan 2018	Jan 2019
Customers E-Billed	600	637	738
Online Payments	383	346	663
In-office Payments	401	324	342
Registered Users	420	628	876
Autopay Users	0	73	173

No matter where you are digging, **Call 811** at least a few days before you start any digging project.



BILLING SCHEDULE (est.)

Bills Mailed - February 5, 2019

Payments Due - February 15, 2019

Late Notices Mailed - February 19, 2019

Shut Off Payments Due - February 26, 2019

Shut Off Day - February 27, 2019

Meter Read Date - February 28, 2019

If you believe you may be late making your payment, please call us to make arrangements to avoid the \$30.00 delinquent fee.

When paying by eCheck please refer to the following example to assist in locating your routing and account numbers. You do not need to enter in a check number. Please visit our website www.stratmoorhillswater.org to register your account or make a one time payment.



Your Name	1001
Your Address	
DATE	
NET TO THE ORDER OF	\$
	DOLLARS
Your Bank Name	
SWIFT	
123456789	1001
9 Digit Routing Number	Your Account Number
	Check Number

STRATMOOR HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION - <http://www.stratmoorhills.org/contact.php>

SEWER PROBLEMS

If you have problems with your sewer line, please give us a call first so that we can determine if it is your service line or our main line. If it is in your line, we will notify you promptly. If it is our problem, we will take care of it immediately.



Defensible Space

Two factors have emerged as the primary determinants of a home's ability to survive wildfire. These are the home's roofing material and the quality of the "defensible space" surrounding it.

Use fire-resistive materials, not wood or shake shingles, to roof homes in or near forests and grasslands. When your roof needs significant repairs or replacement, do so with a fire-resistant roofing material. Check with your county building department. Some counties now restrict wood roofs or require specific classifications of roofing material.



Defensible space is an area around a structure where fuels and vegetation are treated, cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire towards the structure. It also reduces the chance of a structure fire moving from the building to the surrounding forest. Defensible space provides room for firefighters to do their jobs. Your house is more likely to withstand a wildfire if grasses, brush, trees and other common forest fuels are managed to reduce a fire's intensity.

The measure of fuel hazard refers to its continuity, both horizontal (across the ground) and vertical (from the ground up into the vegetation crown). Fuels with a high degree of both vertical and horizontal continuity are the most hazardous, particularly when they occur on slopes. Heavier fuels (brush and trees) are more hazardous (i.e. produce a more intense fire) than light fuels such as grass.

Mitigation of wildfire hazards focuses on breaking up the continuity of horizontal and vertical fuels. Additional distance between fuels is required on slopes.

Creating an effective defensible space involves developing a series of management zones in which different treatment techniques are used. Develop defensible space around each building on your property: include detached garages, storage buildings, barns and other structures in your plan. The actual design and development of your defensible space depends on several factors: size and shape of buildings, materials used in their construction, the slope of the ground on which the structures are built, surrounding topography, and sizes and types of vegetation on your property. These factors all affect your design and you can seek guidance from your local Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) forester or fire department.

Blood Pressure Checks:

The Fire Station is always manned and will be more than happy to take your blood pressure for you. If you cannot make it to the station, call us and we will come to you. 719.576.1200.



Stratmoor News is published monthly by the Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts. For questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Kirk Medina, at 576-0311. The Stratmoor Hills Water, Fire Protection and Sanitation Districts are governed by an individual, elected Boards of Directors. Currently, the members for each of the three Boards are: Dianne Cooper—Chairperson/President, Tom Wehrkamp—Vice Chairperson/President, Gretchen Kasameyer—Secretary/Treasurer, Joey Sanderson—Director, and Howard Swain—Director.

Board elections are held in May of even-numbered years. Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station (2160 "B" Street). Meeting agendas are posted at the Water District office (1811 "B" Street), the Fire Station and at the Stratmoor Elementary School (200 Loomis Avenue). If you would like more information about the Districts, please contact Kirk Medina at the Water and Sanitation Districts at 576-0311 or by e-mail at kirk@stratmoorhillswater.org or Dottie Barrett for the Fire Protection District at 576-1200 or by e-mail at mail@shvfd.com